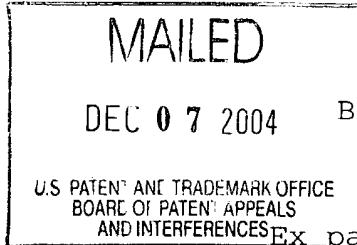


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte TOSHIHIKO TAGUCHI, SATORI ANITA,
MASATO SHIMAMURA, RYOICHI SUZUKI and TETSUYA OKUNO

Application No. 09/642,765

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on October 26, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

Appellants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on December 5, 2000. It is not clear from the record whether the examiner considered the statement submitted or whether the examiner notified appellants of why their submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the
examiner for

- (1) consideration of the IDS filed December 5, 2000,
- (2) written notification to appellants of consideration, and
- (3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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